

Practical Nursing Certificate Program

Greenfield Community College

The advantages of pursuing a practical nursing certificate at Greenfield Community College include low cost, small classes, close interaction with faculty, individualized attention, and free tutorial and remedial assistance. In addition, the graduate of our program earns 42 college credits that may be applied to other programs such as our Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Practical Nursing Certificate Program is based in Leeds, MA at the Departments of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Students may also be expected to attend classes at Greenfield Community College one day per week. This allows them to take advantage of the educational services available on our main campus. In addition, the program provides clinical experience at a variety of local nursing homes, physician's offices, schools and hospitals.

The 40-week program begins in September and finishes near the end of June. It is a full-time program involving at least 30 hours per week of classes, laboratory, and clinical practice with many more hours per week of study and preparation. Students are required to meet all curricular expectations. They are required to follow the program curriculum in sequential order. A grade of at least "C" is required in every course in order to continue in the program. In order to graduate, students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average. The program is fully approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing. Graduates of this program earn a certificate and are eligible to take the licensing examination to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Sample Schedule (Subject to change. Use for example only.)

Fall Semester:

Monday: 8-11am; **OR** 11am-2pm

Tuesday: 8am-2:30pm

Wednesday: 8am-2pm

Thursday: 8am-3pm

Friday: Available for other classes such as Introduction to the Human Body.

January Intersession

Tues.–Fri.: 8am-3pm; **OR** Mon.–Thurs.: 2pm-9pm

Spring Semester

Monday: 8am-3:30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8am-3pm **OR** 6:45am-1:45pm

Thursday: 8am-3:30pm

Friday: Available for other class such as Human Growth and Development

May/June Session

Monday: 8am-12 noon

Tuesday - Thursday: 8am-4pm; **OR** 3pm-11pm

Friday: 8am-12 noon

LPN Mobility

LPN graduates from GCC's Program or the Thompson School (Brattleboro, VT) with a "B" average or better, who apply to the GCC Associate Degree Nursing Program within five years of graduation can be accepted into the second year of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. They must successfully earn the additional science, math, humanities and behavioral science credits required in the first year of the Associate Degree curriculum before starting RN nursing courses and meet all admissions requirements. Openings are based on space availability.